



June 28, 2012

**Los Angeles County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Gloria Molina**  
First District

**Mark Ridley-Thomas**  
Second District

**Zev Yaroslavsky**  
Third District

**Don Knabe**  
Fourth District

**Michael D. Antonovich**  
Fifth District

**Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.**  
Director

**Hal F. Yee, Jr., M.D., Ph.D.**  
Chief Medical Officer

**Christina R. Ghaly, M.D.**  
Deputy Director, Strategic Planning

**Contract Administration & Monitoring**  
313 N. Figueroa Street  
6th Floor East  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Tel: (213)240-7819  
Fax: (213) 250-2958

[www.dhs.lacounty.gov](http://www.dhs.lacounty.gov)

*To ensure access to high-quality,  
patient-centered, cost-effective  
health care to Los Angeles  
County residents through direct  
services at DHS facilities and  
through collaboration with  
community and university  
partners.*



[www.dhs.lacounty.gov](http://www.dhs.lacounty.gov)

**TO:** Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman  
Supervisor Gloria Molina  
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas  
Supervisor Don Knabe  
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

**FROM:** Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.  
Director

**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST FOR  
ORGAN TRANSPLANT PATIENT TESTING SERVICES  
WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES (UCLA) IMMUNOGENETICS  
CENTER AT HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER**

This is to inform you that the Department of Health Services (DHS) will request that the Internal Services Department (ISD), as the County's Purchasing Agent, issue a sole source purchase order for organ transplant testing services with the Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Immunogenetics Center to provide organ transplant patient testing (i.e. medical laboratory services) to County patients undergoing kidney transplants at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center's (H-UCLA MC) renal transplant unit. The amount of the purchase order is \$99,999.

As a subdivision of the State of California, the Regents of UCLA Immunogenetics Center cannot agree to certain terms in the Lab Services Master Agreement that DHS has in place. DHS is finalizing negotiations with the Regents of UCLA Immunogenetics and will return to the Board no later than August 2012 with a master agreement for services with special exceptions for a state provider.

**NEED FOR SERVICE/IMPACT ON PATIENT CARE**

**Pre-Transplant Patients:**

After a medical and surgical evaluation, the patient is listed as a candidate for transplantation. Blood is drawn on all listed dialysis patients awaiting transplantation and retained by UCLA Immunogenetics Center. The Center retains serum samples for future cross-matching with a cadaveric or live donor. At the time a cadaveric kidney becomes available, serum and cell samples on the donor and recipient must be immediately cross-matched to assess the feasibility

of transplantation. The service must be available 24 hours, seven days a week.

Post-Transplant Patients:

Current transplant patients must undergo Cyclosporine A drug level monitoring to prevent the rejection of transplanted kidneys. A therapeutic level is important to also prevent drug toxicity and secondary complications. H-UCLA's transplant program must have same day drug level reporting to achieve successful transplant outcomes.

The UCLA Immunogenetics Center currently stores the serum samples of H-UCLA's transplant candidates, and this service cannot lapse as these must be available for cross-matching at a moment's notice 24 hours a day, seven days a week to save a patient's life. Any lapse of service will jeopardize H-UCLA's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and United Network for Organ Sharing good standing.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

MHK:smh

c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
Internal Services Department